

HOUSE RESOLUTION 197

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joel and Dorothy Cowan on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1959, Joel Cowan and Dorothy Medlin were joined in holy matrimony in Cookeville, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan have been highly respected citizens of their community for a number of years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Cowans' children and their spouses are James Joel and Dylcia Cowan, Tim Allen and Stephanie Cowan, and Lisa and Marty Neill; and

WHEREAS, the Cowans are also the proud grandparents of Marty Harold Neill, Brandon Neill, and Conner Allen Cowan; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Cowans' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and

congratulate Joel and Dorothy Cowan on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.